

MOTHER EDDY NOT A PHYSICAL WRECK

Feeble for Woman of
Eighty-Six, But Men-
tal Vision is Clear.

MASTER OF HER OWN AFFAIRS

Alert in Brain and Body, She
Discusses Her Health and
Work, Showing Wonder-
ful Preservation—Talks
of Her Son and Pend-
ing Law Suits.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Mary
Baker Eddy will be eighty-six years
old on Tuesday.

Mentally and physically she is re-
markable.

Almost without exception she is more
alert in mind and vigorous in body
than any woman of her age with whom
I ever came in contact.

While she does not in any way re-
semble the so-called photographs of
herself which abound plentifully, and
in which she looks hardly more than
fifty, and while she shows in some
measure most of the shadow that fall
the other side of seventy, time has
certainly dealt more tenderly with her
than with the common run of her sex.

It must be admitted, in fairness, that
her years of invalidism, followed by
the course of adversity, and these, in turn,
by four decades of large mental and
physical expenditure, might, in the or-
dinary course of existence, have left
her far more feeble than she is, if, in-
deed, they had vouchsafed her any
bodily habitation whatever.

All things considered, she is wonder-
fully well preserved, and the casual ob-
server would scarcely think her over
seventy-five.

When she arose from the great easy
chair at her desk as Albert Miller and
myself entered her study, which over-
looks the beautiful valley of the Meri-
mac, there was no sign of unusual
effort. The outstretched hand which
reciprocated my grasp, while thin and
somewhat transparent and trembly, was
warm to the touch, betokening a
nearly normal flow of the vital fluid
which age so often stagnates.

The steady eyes which returned my
gaze—dim blue and in quiescent abor-
n of the sparkle that presently respon-
ded to a tender mood—were deep sunk in
a somewhat angular, rather small face,
whose nose is its major emblem of
strength, though none of the features
is lacking in force or distinction.

Mrs. Eddy's Face.

Enthroned above the thoughtful fore-
head, and falling in soft curly ripples to
brush the temples and half frame the
face, is an uncommonly generous mass
of snow-white hair, in which is worn a
comb of tortoise shell.

By comparison, the slightly-drawn
cheeks are wan, faint, and the faint-
est tinge of pink shows upon a rather
than through them. Her thin lips be-
speak immense firmness and persever-
ance before they part to reveal with
what skill man may supplant the work
of nature, and for well-chosen
words, which are given birth in a high-
pitched, spare voice.

A small but resolute and exquisitely
chiseled chin completes the oval coun-
tenance, which admits a momentary
and rather formal smile by way of
greeting, then assumes a seriousness
of expression which will yet deepen as
she deals with certain subjects. On the
whole, it seemed to me more sa-
gacious than spiritual.

With ease-breeding informality she
called attention to chairs close by, her
self standing upon the top floor of
the six-story brick building from a time
soon after their marriage.

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while in fits of passion the defendant
often struck and choked his wife.

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went to see him. I still regard him
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GASOLINE FIRE IN SKYSCRAPER

Tank Explodes on Sixth Floor in
Boston Factory, Causing
Big Damage.

BOSTON, July 13.—One of the worst
fires which the Boston department has
had in months came to-day, when a
tank of gasoline on the top floor of
the six-story brick building in Con-
gress Street, South Boston, occupied
by the Columbia Counter Company, ex-
ploded, setting the place on fire.

In the locality are a number of large
manufacturing plants, as well as the
extensive dry goods storehouse of Jo-
dan, Marsh & Co. Comparatively no
damage was done, however, outside of
property of the counter company, the
loss to which is estimated at from
\$50,000 to \$75,000. Two persons were
injured in connection with the rush
of apparatus through the crowded
streets.

ROOSEVELT AND BRYAN FIGHTERS OF GRAFT

SEATTLE, WASH., July 13.—Before
a large gathering of Christian En-
deavors in Tent Williston to-day
Rev. Ira Landrith, of Nashville, Tenn.,
in an address on "Graft and Grafters,"
linked the names of Roosevelt and
Bryan as the greatest fighters of
country has ever known against graft
and corruption.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LEADER



MRS. GIBSON GIVEN DIVORCE AND CHILD IN NORFOLK TO-DAY

Chicago Judge Grants Plea Another Effort Will Be Made,
Without Sensational Features.

BIG SETTLEMENT RUMOR MAGNATES WANT THE GAME

Said That Former Husband Will
Receive Half Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 13.—Mrs. Preston
Gibson, step-daughter of Thomas Nelson
Page, of Washington, D. C. wife of
the author, club and society man and
poet, and herself a wife of national
reputation, was given an absolute
divorce by Judge Honore this
morning. She was given the custody
of her child, Harry Field Gibson.

The hearing lasted but eleven minutes, and
was devoid of sensational features.
What the cause of the separation was
has not become public property. Per-
sistent reports have it that she settled
half a million dollars on her husband
to quiescence in the legal separation
and for not making the threatened bit-
ter legal fight for the possession of
their son, who is a grand nephew of
the late Marshall Field, and heir to
a considerable fortune when he becomes
of age.

Mrs. Gibson filed her petition for di-
vorce late yesterday. In her bill she
alleges "extreme and repeated" cru-
elty.

An effort was made to obtain a
secret hearing of the last evening, but
no judge could be found.

While the contents of the bill for
divorce were not made public as a
whole, Mrs. Gibson mentioned two in-
stances of violent usage at the hands
of her husband, and averred that she
had been subjected to humiliating dis-
plays of temper dating from a time
soon after their marriage.

Specifically the bill charged that
while in fits of passion the defendant
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ALL RICHMOND PLANNING TO ASSEMBLE AT THE EXPOSITION

Celebration on Thursday Promises to Be One of Most Successful
Events of Its Kind Ever Known—Arrangements Perfected
and Attendance Will Be Very Large.

With a continuance of the hearty co-
operation which, with the single excep-
tion of a few members of the Board
of Aldermen, has distinguished the
work of the past weeks, Richmond Day
at the Jamestown Exposition on Thurs-
day next will prove an event of im-
portance not only to the Capital
City, but to the great Virginia show
itself.

It has been a long time since any
event outside of the corporate limits
of Richmond has stirred up such in-
terest and enthusiasm among people
of all classes and of all grades of in-
come as has the proposition of devot-
ing a day of the exposition to the
exploitation of Richmond's importance,
her patriotism and her progressive
spirit before the world. The James-
town Exposition is regarded as a Vir-
ginia creation. It is backed by Vir-
ginians, and has the financial and
active support of the State govern-
ment. Hon. Harry St. George Tucker,
the genial president of the exposition
company is a Virginian of Virginians,
and the exposition itself is in celebra-
tion of an event of momentous im-
portance to the people of the State.

Up to the Aldermen.

Three hundred years ago this sum-
mer was founded on the James River
the first permanent English-speaking

PUBLIC AROUSED OVER RATE MATTER

State Officials Are Quietly
Preparing to Continue
the Battle.

WILL CARRY WAR TO LAST DITCH

If Not Settled in Courts Mean-
while, Legislature Expected
to Take Drastic Steps
to Determine State's
Right to Regu-
late.

Although there is apparently a lull
in the situation concerning the pas-
senger rate litigation, there is no
abatement of interest in the subject,
and it may be stated upon high au-
thority that the fight to compel the
railroads to afford the people of this
State a reduction in passenger fares so
far from nearing an end, has not even
fairly begun.

At this time the bitterness aroused
by the rate fight is due so much to
the any questioning of the reason-
ableness of the regulations prescribed
by the Virginia Corporation Commis-
sion in this case as to the fact that
the railroads have gone into a Fed-
eral court and there attacked the very
existence of the commission. Natu-
rally enough this movement has aroused
the entire State. It is a fact which
may as well be set forth here and
now, that though the State au-
thorities have not definitely de-
termined upon their course, they
are only standing upon the skir-
mish lines of what will be made a bat-
tle to the finish, and when they do
settle upon a fixed policy there will
be no let-up until the great questions
involved are irrevocably determined
by the highest court in the land.

Authorities Exasperated.

It is giving away no secrets to say
that the tactics of the railroads in
the matter up to this point are looked
upon by the other side as dilatory,
and adopted for the purpose of delaying
final adjudication and harassing the
State upon a question of sleeping
passenger rates, and yet it is taken,
indeed, as a declaration of "war to the
knife," and though not sounding any
trumpets over it at this time, the regu-
larly constituted State authorities are
quietly arranging to "take up the cud-
gels" and carry over the battle until
either defeated or victorious on the
final field.

The State authorities are not talk-
ing for publication, but it is known
that they are greatly exasperated over
the position taken by the railroads,
and that they believe the latter are
much in their own light in following
the course adopted.

According to men close to the situ-
ation, the roads have aroused a feeling
of enmity on the part of the State,
which might have been averted by a
graceful acceptance of the action of the
commission, and which may rise up to
confront them in the future.

May Increase Taxes.

For example, it is pointed out that
the companies claim that their prop-
erty, enormously valuable per-mile, is
not earning a sufficient revenue to
justify the proposed reduction of pas-
senger rates, and yet it is said that
this property is not taxed anywhere in
the neighborhood of the value set by
the companies in the arguments of
their counsel.

"If the railroads were taxed accord-
ing to the value set by their prop-
erty on their property," said one
in authority last night, "the State
would receive in additional revenue
from this source an amount annually
far in excess of that which would be
saved to the people under the pro-
posed new passenger rate schedule."

Continuing, this official declared that
he did not suppose any one would con-
test the right of the State to levy taxes
upon railroad property upon a fair and
equitable basis.

But this is a little beside the ques-
tion now under discussion.

There is going to be action on the
part of the State, and this action is go-
ing to be just as bold, drastic and per-
sistent as the attitude of the railroads
shall make necessary.

It may be taken in the Legislature,
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HARRIMAN, RAILROAD KING



MRS. SWANSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE COURTS TO CLASH BEYOND ALL DOUBT

Bullet Crashed Through Window
as She Arose to Greet
Judge Parker.

MAN ROBBED ON SAME TRAIN ARREST HIM TO-MORROW

Shooting Probably Accident, but
Cause of Much Excitement.
Judge Parker Here.

While on his return trip to Richmond
after an absence of several days, Mr.
Claude A. Swanson, wife of the Gov-
ernor of Virginia, narrowly escaped a
serious injury last night on a Southern
Railway train near Middlethorpe, a few
miles from the city, when a 33-calibre
bullet was fired by some unknown per-
son from without, through a window
of the parlor car in which she was
traveling.

Mrs. Swanson was making her way
to the city from Nelson county via Dan-
ville, having paid a visit to the family
of Sheriff M. K. Estes, at Lovings-
ton, and was in the act of speaking to
Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York,
when the shot was fired.

A mutual acquaintance had just in-
troduced the former presidential can-
didate to Mrs. Swanson, and as the lat-
ter arose from her seat to extend her
hand in greeting the bullet crashed
through the window which she had
just left.

Mrs. Swanson quickly observed what
had happened, but a second after it was
all over was apparently the coolest
person in the car.

Probably Accidental.

It is evident that there was no at-
tempt on the life of either Mrs. Swan-
son or Judge Parker, but whoever fired
the shot came very near striking the
one and barely missed the other.

It is believed that some reckless per-
son was handling a pistol near the sta-
tion, and that the bullet which found
its way into the car was not so direct-
ed.

However, it is a strange coincidence,
that on the same Pullman car, a bridge
builder named H. C. Hobbs, said to be
a resident of Richmond, is alleged to
have been relieved of \$35 in money and
his railroad passes between Chatta-
nooga and Asheville.

As being Judge Parker and Mrs.
Swanson both came out of the affair
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HARRIMAN MASTER OF WORLD TRAFFIC

Commerce Commission
Shows Power of His
Railroad Control.

BITTER ATTACK ON HIS METHODS

Charged That His Financing
Was Indefensible — How He
Dominates Roads and Steam-
er Lines—Recommendations
for Govern-
ment Curbing.

Mr. Harriman may journey by
steamship from New York to New
Orleans, thence by rail to San Fran-
cisco, across the Pacific Ocean to
China, and returning by another
route to the United States, may go
to Ogden by any one of three rail
lines, and thence to Kansas City or
Omaha, without leaving the deck or
platform of a car which he con-
trols, and without duplicating any
part of his journey. Extract from
report of Interstate Commerce Com-
mission.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—A report
was made public to-day by the Inter-
state Commerce Commission of its in-
quiry into the railroad operations of
Edward H. Harriman and of the op-
erations of the so-called Harriman line
of railway which has been in pro-
gress for several months. The report,
which was written by Commissioner
Franklin K. Lane, is the unanimous
expression of the commission on the
subject. Copies of the report have
been transmitted to President Roose-
velt and to the Department of Justice.

It is expected by the commission
that it will be determined by the Pres-
ident and Attorney-General Bonaparte,
from the statement of facts set out
in the report, whether the government
will institute any sort of proceeding
against Mr. Harriman or the corpo-
rations involved in the inquiry. No rec-
ommendations are made by the com-
mission that either criminal or civil
prosecutions be instituted.

Takes In All the Evidence.

The report is an exhaustive summary
of the evidence adduced at the several
hearings held by the commission in the
case of its inquiry. It enters into a
discussion of the policy pur-
sued by Mr. Harriman in obtaining and
maintaining control of the various lines
of railway in the Harriman system,
and presents a fairly complete history
of the operations of the various lines.
Excerpts from the report, the testimony
of Mr. Harriman are given to show,
as stated in the report:

"That it is only the law which pre-
vents the concentration into Mr. Harri-
man's hands of every railroad line
in the Northern Hemisphere. It is
the frank admission of Mr. Harriman
himself, made at the hearing.

"To gather under one head all ex-
isting transcontinental lines, or as
many as possible, and to exclude the
coming of all competitors, became
the policy of the Harriman system, which
was inaugurated in 1901 by the pur-
chase of \$100,000,000 of convertible
bonds by the Union Pacific."

Has Improved Properties.

Mr. Harriman's essential control of
many of the competing transconti-
nental lines was prevented, it is pointed
out, by the Supreme Court's decision
in the Northern Securities case. It is
shown by the report that it has been
no part of the Harriman policy to
permit the properties brought under
Union Pacific control to decline, as in
every case they are better to-day than
they were when Mr. Harriman acquired
them.

Particular stress is laid by the com-
mission on the elimination of competi-
tion in transcontinental business among
the Harriman lines, and the commis-
sion indicates that that is the matter
of large significance developed in its
inquiry.

Some of the Findings.

The investigation so far conducted
under this order has related mainly
to certain transactions of the Union
Pacific Railroad Company, including
Pacific Railroad Company, and the
acquisition of control of the South-
ern Pacific Company, the purchase of
large amounts of stock of various rail-
road companies, and other matters of
kindred import.

The Harriman Policy.

Within three years after the re-
organization of the Union Pacific
Railroad Company in 1897 Mr. Edward
H. Harriman became the dominating
spirit in the corporation. As chairman
of the executive committee he exercises
powers that are well-nigh absolute.

The directors have delegated their
power "to manage and direct all the
business and affairs of the company,"
and an executive committee of five
members, who shall act "in such man-
ner as such committee shall deem best
for the company's interest in all cases
in which specific action by the board,"
and in turn the chairman of the execu-
tive committee is authorized to repre-
sent that body when it is not in session.

Accordingly we find that in 1903 Mr.
Harriman was authorized to borrow
such sums of money as may be re-
quired for the uses of this company,
and to execute in the name and on
behalf of this company a note or notes
for the amounts so borrowed. The
investigation showed that in practice
all the great transactions of this
company, Mr. Harriman, as chairman
of the executive committee, acted upon
his own initiative, and his acts were
subsequently ratified and approved by
the executive committee. It may fairly
be said, therefore, that the policies and
purposes of the Union Pacific have
been those of Mr. Harriman.

Expansion of Union Pacific Control.

The Union Pacific has in the past
six years grown in power and in-
fluence that at this time it controls
every line of railroad reaching the
Pacific coast between Portland on the
north and the Mexican border on the
south—a distance as great as that
from Maine to Florida—excepting alone

FIRE DRILL COST ONE MAN'S LIFE

Second Mate Morgan Knocked
Overboard by Lifeboat of
Mobjack.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 13.—
During a fire drill aboard the steamer
Mobjack this afternoon about 6 o'clock,
Second Mate W. F. Morgan was struck
by a lifeboat and knocked into the bay
off Back River Lighthouse. The man
was not a strong swimmer, and before
the steamer could put about and pick
him up he had gone to the bottom. A
vsn search was made for the body.

Morgan was twenty-two years old
and lived in Norfolk. He had for some
time been employed on the Mobjack,
which plies between Old Point and
Mathews and Gloucester counties.

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